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Please amend the application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Pages 12 and 13: replace the paragraph bridging pages 12 and 13 with the following paragraph:

--The present invention will be illustrated with respect to the accompanying drawings, in which:

Figure 1 is a restriction enzyme map of cDNA of the NIa region isolated from CYVV-cDNA;

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